

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A data transmission apparatus comprising:
an e-mail transmission unit for sending e-mail;
a data forwarding unit for forwarding data to a prescribed storage area; [[and]]
a controller for controlling the e-mail transmission unit such that a tool program by which to obtain the data stored in the prescribed storage area is sent to a recipient using e-mail; and
a recognition unit for recognizing e-mail transmission errors, wherein the controller controls the e-mail transmission unit such that the e-mail transmission unit sends to the recipient a first e-mail and a second email, wherein the controller controls the email transmission unit to send the tool program to the recipient using the second e-mail, when a transmission error is recognized by the recognition unit in connection with the first e-mail.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the prescribed storage area comprises a storage unit residing inside the data transmission apparatus.
4. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the prescribed storage area comprises an external device other than the data transmission apparatus or a storage unit inside the external device.

5. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tool program includes access information based on which the recipient can access the data stored in the prescribed storage area.

6. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the access information is incorporated in the tool program in a form such that the confidentiality of the access information is maintained.

7. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data to be handled includes image data.

8. (Previously Presented) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an image reader for reading an image of an original document to obtain image data thereof,

and wherein the data to be handled includes the image data obtained by the image reader.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering data for use with a data transmission apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing data in a prescribed storage area; ~~[[and]]~~

~~(b)~~ sending to the recipient a first e-mail.

~~[[(b)]]~~ (c) sending to a recipient via a second e-mail a tool program by which to obtain the data stored in the prescribed storage area when a transmission error occurred in connection with the first e-mail.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the tool program includes access information based on which the recipient can access the data stored in the prescribed storage area.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the access information is incorporated in the tool program in a form such that the confidentiality of the access information is maintained.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the data to be handled includes image data.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing program executable by a computer to make a computer perform a routine comprising the steps of:

(a) storing data in a prescribed storage area; [[and]]

(b) sending to the recipient a first e-mail; and

[[(b)] (c) sending to a recipient via e-mail a tool program by which to obtain the data stored in the prescribed storage area when a transmission error occurred in connection with the first e-mail.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, wherein the tool program includes access information based on which the recipient can access the data stored in the prescribed storage area.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 16, wherein the access information is incorporated in the tool program in a form such that the confidentiality of the access information is maintained.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, wherein the data to be handled includes image data.

19. (New) The data transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first email includes the forwarded data.

20. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising a step of: attaching the data to the first e-mail.

21. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, wherein the routine further comprises a step of attaching the data to the first e-mail.